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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Danishefsky *et al.* Examiner: Solola, Taofiq A.
Serial No.: 10/695,582 Art Unit: 1626
Filing Date: October 28, 2003
Title: *Synthesis of Epothilones, Intermediates Thereto, Analogues and Uses Thereof*

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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2004, in the above-referenced case. The shortened (three month) statutory period for responding to the Office Action expired on November 30, 2004, and a Notice of Appeal was filed on November 30, 2004. The statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief is two months from the date of filing the Notice of Appeal; therefore, the statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief expired on January 30, 2005. Therefore, a four month Petition for Extension of Time is included herewith, extending the time for filing an Appeal Brief to May 30, 2005. In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief, Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this Response. Applicant thus submits that the RCE and the present Response are timely submitted on May 26, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.